California Transportation Commission 2018 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Staff Recommendations

The Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Congested Corridors Program), created by Senate Bill (SB) 1 (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), provides \$250 million annually to fund projects designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled and highly congested corridors through performance improvements that balance transportation improvements, community impacts, and that provide environmental benefits.

In June 2017, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) initiated the process to implement the Congested Corridors Program by developing the Congested Corridors Program Guidelines (guidelines). The Commission held five public workshops and two public hearings to consult and seek input from stakeholders representing state agencies, including the California Air Resources Board, regional transportation planning agencies, local governments, private industry, and other advocates. Thirty days prior to adoption, the Commission provided the proposed guidelines to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the transportation policy committees in the Senate and Assembly. The Commission's guidelines, adopted in December 2017, describe the policy, standards, criteria and procedures for the development and management of the initial Congested Corridors Program funding cycle.

The Commission established the initial funding cycle as a 4-year, \$1 billion program. Project nominations were due to the Commission on, or postmarked by, February 16, 2018. The Commission received 32 project nominations seeking over \$2.5 billion in funding. The projects nominated and the funding requested reflects the great need for projects to address congestion across the state. Since SB 1 provides an on-going funding source for the Congested Corridors Program, agencies will have the opportunity to apply for funding in subsequent cycles.

An evaluation team, consisting of Commission and Caltrans staff, utilized the criteria set forth in the Commission's adopted guidelines to evaluate the information presented in each project nomination. Due to the competitive nature of the program, staff evaluations were limited to the documentation submitted with the application package.

Recommendations for funding are set forth on the attached list of projects. The recommended projects were determined to be the projects that best address the criteria as outlined in the guidelines. Staff recommends Congested Corridor Program funds totaling \$1.006 billion for nine projects valued at approximately \$3.5 billion. The recommendations include projects that provide a variety of multimodal transportation improvements in highly traveled and highly congested corridors. Recommendations include, but are not limited to, projects that will provide for transit stations, tracks for passenger and commuter rail, high occupancy vehicle and express lanes, active transportation improvements, transportation management systems, bus purchases, and local road improvements. These projects will reduce congestion in highly traveled corridors, have positive environmental impacts and provide benefits to communities throughout California.

Projects not recommended for funding were determined to be less competitive for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to: lower priority of the nominating agency; required information missing or unclear; non-compliance with guidelines and/or statutory requirements; or projects recommended for funding in other SB1 programs. The projects not recommended for funding are, by and large, worthy projects though not as competitive for this first program cycle.

The Commission will consider staff recommendations and adoption at the Commission's May 16-17, 2018 meeting in San Diego, California.

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(\$1,000's)

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

County	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Congested Corridor	Agency Priority	Consensus Rating	To	Total Project Cost														Total Requested Amount	Total Recommended Funding		Fiscal Year
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Airport Metro Connector 96th Street Transit Station	Rt 405 Rt 105	Metro 1 of 4	High	\$	525,200	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	2019-20												
Orange	Orange County Transportation Authority	Orange County Central Corridor Improvements (1)	Rt 55	OCTA 1 of 1 Caltrans 11 of 13	Medium High	\$	365,563	\$	101,982	\$	19,918	2019-20 2020-21												
Sacramento	Department of Transportation / Sacramento Area Council of Governments	Sac 5 Corridor Enhancements/1-5 HOV Lanes-Phase 1	Rt 5	SACOG - Caltrans 10 of 13	Medium High	\$	319,665	\$	15,000	\$	15,000	2017-18												
Sacramento	Department of Transportation / Sacramento Area Council of Governments	US 50 Multimodal Corridor Enhancements (2)	Rt 50	SACOG - Caltrans 4 of 13	Medium High	\$	452,145	\$	115,300	\$	110,300	2019-20												
San Bernardino	San Bernardino County Transportation Authority	Redlands Passenger Rail	Rt 10 Rt 215	SBD 1 of 3	High	\$	282,277	\$	65,000	\$	65,000	2018-19												
San Diego	Department of Transportation / San Diego Association of Governments	San Diego North Coast Corridor: Phase 1	Rt 5	SANDAG 1 of 2 Caltrans 5 of 13	High	\$	601,367	\$	195,000	\$	195,000	2018-19												
San Mateo / Santa Clara	Department of Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Commission	San Mateo and Santa Clara US 101 Managed Lanes	Rt 101 Rt 85	MTC - Caltrans 1 of 13	Medium High	\$	570,618	\$	233,200	\$	233,200	2019-20												
Santa Barbara	Department of Transportation / Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	US 101 Santa Barbara Multimodal Corridor (3)	Rt 101 Rt 44	SB 1 of 1 Caltrans 2 of 13	Medium High	\$	311,575	\$	167,880	44	132,880	2019-20 2020-21												
Sonoma	Department of Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Commission	Marin-Sonoma Narrows Segment C2 - HOV Lanes Gap Closure	Rt 101 Rt 116	MTC - Caltrans 9 of 13	Medium High	\$	121,525	\$	84,791	\$	84,791	2018-19												
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⁽¹⁾ Recommending only the following components: TLSP, Bravo Bus, and 4 ATP projects

⁽²⁾ Recommending the HOV lanes and Light Rail components

⁽³⁾ Recommended less than the requested amount, difference funded in the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program

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PROJECT REQUESTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

County	Applicant Agency	Project Title	Congested Corridor	Agency Priority	Consensus Score	To	otal Project Cost		Total equested Amount
El Dorado	El Dorado County Transportation Commission	US 50 Camino Corridor Safety and Community Access Mitigation	Rt 50	EDCTC 1 of 1	Medium Low	\$	56,999	\$	13,700
Kern	Kern County Council of Governments	24th Street Improvements Project	Rt 58 Rt 178	KCOG 1 of 1	Medium	\$	34,000	\$	17,000
Los Angeles	Department of Transportation / Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority	I-405/Crenshaw Blvd Ramp Improvement	Rt 405	Caltrans 3 of 13	Low	\$	92,430	\$	56,000
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Metro Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvements (4)	Rt 101	Metro 3 of 4	High	\$	320,300	44	80,000
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Interstate 5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief (4)	Rt 5	Metro 4 of 4	Medium	\$	539,200	\$	247,000
Los Angeles	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor (5)	Rt 405	Metro 2 of 4	High	\$	1,563,000	\$	300,000
Monterey	Transportation Agency for Monterey County	Lighthouse Curve Trail Widening	Local Road	TAMC 2 of 2	Low	\$	8,800	\$	8,000
Monterey	Transportation Agency for Monterey County	Marina-Salinas Multimodal Corridor: Imjin Parkway (4)	Rt 1 Rt 68	TAMC 1 of 2	Medium	\$	42,300	\$	19,000
Orange	Department of Transportation	Fullerton Interlocking Improvements	Rt 5	Caltrans 7 of 13	Medium Low	\$	130,000	\$	75,000
Orange	Orange County Transportation Authority	Orange County Central Corridor Improvements (6)	Rt 55	OCTA 1 of 1	N/A	\$	365,563	\$	82,064
Placer	Department of Transportation / Placer County Transportation Planning Agency	I-80 Auxiliary Lanes	Rt 80	PCTPA 1 of 1 Caltrans 12 of 13	Low	\$	18,645	\$	13,900
Riverside	Riverside County Transportation Commission / Department of Transportation	SR 71/91 Interchange Project	Rt 71 Rt 91	RCTC 1 of 1 Caltrans 13 of 13	Medium	\$	134,200	\$	93,600
Sacramento	Department of Transportation / Sacramento Area Council of Governments	US 50 Multimodal Corridor Enhancements (7)	Rt 50	SACOG - Caltrans 4 of 13	N/A	\$	452,145	\$	5,000
Sacramento	Sacramento Area Council of Governments	South Watt Avenue Improvements, Phase 1	Rt 50	SACOG -	Medium Low	\$	15,000	\$	10,000

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San Bernardino	San Bernardino County Transportation Authority	West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit, Phase 1	Rt 10 Rt 15	SBCTA 3 of 3	Medium	\$	133,314	\$ 45,000
San Bernardino	Department of Transportation / San Bernardino County Transportation Authority	I-10 Corridor Contract 1 (Express Lanes) (4)	Rt 10	SBCTA 2 of 3 Caltrans 6 of 13	Medium High	\$	625,400	\$ 45,000
San Diego	San Diego Association of Governments	San Diego Multimodal and Regional Transportation (SMART) Center	Rt 5 Rt 805 Rt 8	SANDAG 2 of 2	Low	\$	43,785	\$ 38,100
San Francisco / Alameda	Metropolitan Transportation Commission	Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Program: Train Control Modernization ⁽⁸⁾	Rt 80	MTC -	High	\$	1,150,500	\$ 100,000
San Joaquin	San Joaquin Council of Governments	State Route 99/120 Connector	Rt 99, Rt 120	SJCOG 1 of 1	Low	\$	61,427	\$ 38,158
San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo Council of Governments	US 101-San Luis Obispo Multimodal Corridor Program	Rt 101	SLOCOG 1 of 2	Medium	\$	42,174	\$ 20,608
San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo Council of Governments	State Route 46 Parallel Routes Congested Corridor Relief	Rt 46	SLOCOG 2 of 2	Medium Low	\$	44,232	\$ 27,254
Solano	Department of Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Commission	I-80 Express Lanes	Rt 80	MTC - Caltrans 8 of 13	Medium	\$	228,200	\$ 123,000
Sutter	Sacramento Area Council of Governments	Bridge Street / Fifth St Gap Closure Project	Rt 99	SACOG -	Medium	\$	13,161	\$ 6,100
Yolo	Sacramento Area Council of Governments	West Capitol Avenue Road Rehabilitation and Safety Enhancements	Rt 80	SACOG -	Medium Low	\$	9,269	\$ 4,254
Yolo / Sacramento	Sacramento Area Council of Governments	Electrifying Bus Transit in the Capital Region	Rt 5 Rt 80	SACOG -	Medium	\$	26,201	\$ 22,241

⁽⁴⁾ Project is recommended for funding from another SB1 program

⁽⁵⁾ Project submittal is based on an alternative not yet finalized through CEQA

⁽⁶⁾ Not recommending the Hwy component, ineligible general purpose lane component not independent from the eligible HOV component

⁽⁷⁾ The ATP component of the project was not competitive

⁽⁸⁾ Includes uncommitted funds, not consistent with guidelines